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--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Cosmetic preparations comprising: (a) a mixture of two or more surfactants selected from the group consisting of (a1) fatty acid (polyglycol) esters, and (a2) fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ethers, and at least one component selected from the group consisting of (a3) polyols and (a4) alk(en)yl oligoglycosides; and (b) one or more oil components; wherein the mixture (a) is present in an amount of from 30 to 70% by weight, and the one or more oil components (b) is present in an amount of from 70 to 30% by weight, based upon a total weight of the mixture and the one or more oil components; are disclosed. Also disclosed are methods of preparing such cosmetic preparations.--

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 11-30, as follows:

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--11. (New) A cosmetic preparation comprising:

(a) a mixture of two or more surfactants selected from the group consisting of (a1) fatty acid (polyglycol) esters, and (a2) fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ethers, and at least one component selected from the group consisting of (a3) polyols and (a4) alk(en)yl oligoglycosides, the mixture present in an amount of from 30 to 70% by weight; and
(b) one or more oil components in an amount of from 70 to 30% by weight; said percentages by weight based upon a total weight of the mixture and the one or more oil components.--

--12. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester and one or more components selected from the group consisting of fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ethers and alk(en)yl oligoglycosides.--

--13. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester and one or more components selected from the group consisting of fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ethers and polyols.--

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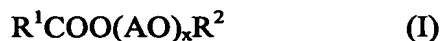
--14. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester and a fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether.--

--15. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester, a fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether and an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside.--

--16. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester, a fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether and a polyol.--

--17. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester, a fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether, a polyol and an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside.--

--18. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester of the general formula (I):



wherein R^1CO represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, x represents a number of from 0 to 30; each AO independently represents a CH_2CH_2O- , $CH_2CH(CH_3)O-$ or $CH(CH_3)CH_2O$ group and R^2 represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.--

--19. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 18, wherein R^1CO represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 10 to 18 carbon atoms, x represents a number of from 10 to 15; and R^2 represents a methyl group.--

--20. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether of the general formula (II):

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wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 12 to 18 carbon atoms, and m represents a number of from 2 to 6.--

--21. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 20, wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 12 to 14 carbon atoms.--

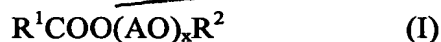
--22. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises a polyol selected from the group consisting of glycerol, alkylene glycols, technical oligoglycerol mixtures, methylol compounds, lower alkyl glucosides, sugar alcohols, sugars, amino sugars and dialcohol amines.--

--23. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture comprises an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside of the general formula (III):



wherein R^4 represents an alk(en)yl group having from 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G represents a sugar unit having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, and p represents a number of from 1 to 10.--

--24. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 14, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester of the general formula (I):



wherein R^1CO represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, x represents a number of from 0 to 30; each AO independently represents a CH_2CH_2O- , $CH_2CH(CH_3)O-$ or $CH(CH_3)CH_2O$ group and R^2 represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.--

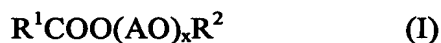
--25. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 14, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether of the general formula (II):



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wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 12 to 18 carbon atoms, and m represents a number of from 2 to 6.--

--26. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 14, wherein the mixture comprises a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester of the general formula (I):



wherein R^1CO represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 6 to 30 carbon atoms, x represents a number of from 0 to 30; each AO independently represents a CH_2CH_2O- , $CH_2CH(CH_3)O-$ or $CH(CH_3)CH_2O$ group and R^2 represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and wherein the mixture comprises a fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether of the general formula (II):



wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 12 to 18 carbon atoms, and m represents a number of from 2 to 6.--

--27. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 11, wherein the mixture is present in an amount of from 40 to 60% by weight, and the one or more oil components are present in an amount of from 60 to 40% by weight.--

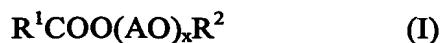
--28. (New) The cosmetic preparation according to claim 16, wherein the fatty acid (polyglycol) ester is present in an amount of about 45% by weight, the fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether is present in an amount of about 45% by weight, and the polyol is present in an amount of about 10% by weight, said percentages by weight based upon a total weight of the mixture.--

--29. (New) A cosmetic preparation comprising:

(a) a mixture of surfactants comprising a fatty acid (polyglycol) ester, a fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether and a polyol, the mixture present in an amount of from 40 to 60% by weight, wherein the fatty acid (polyglycol) ester corresponds to the general formula

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(I):



wherein R^1CO represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 10 to 18 carbon atoms, x represents a number of from 5 to 20; each AO independently represents a CH_2CH_2O- , $CH_2CH(CH_3)O-$ or $CH(CH_3)CH_2O$ group and R^2 represents a methyl group, and wherein the fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ether corresponds to the general formula (II):



wherein R^3 represents a linear or branched alk(en)yl group having from 12 to 18 carbon atoms, and m represents a number of from 2 to 6; and

(b) castor oil in an amount of from 60 to 40% by weight; said percentages by weight based upon a total weight of the mixture and the castor oil.--

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--30. (New) A method of preparing a clear cosmetic preparation, said method comprising:

(a) providing a mixture of two or more surfactants selected from the group consisting of (a1) fatty acid (polyglycol) esters, and (a2) fatty alcohol (polyglycol) ethers, and at least one component selected from the group consisting of (a3) polyols and (a4) alk(en)yl oligoglycosides; and

(b) combining the mixture with one or more oil components in a ratio by weight of from about 30:70 to about 70:30.--

Please cancel claims 1-10, without prejudice.